

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides methods identifying individuals suitable for treatment for lupus and methods of monitoring treatment, based on measuring antibody

5      affinities, as well as of treating lupus based on measuring antibody affinities. The treatment entails administration of a conjugate comprising a non-immunogenic valency platform molecule and at least two double stranded DNA epitopes, such as DNA molecules, which bind to anti-DNA antibodies from the patient.

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